crude stuff from which history is composed. The present author has made an honest attempt to achieve an attitude of detachment—the avowed ideal of most of modern scholarship. He is conscious, however, that in his choice of material he has stressed the political aspects of his story more than some sinologists will approve. He is also aware that at times his warm sympathy with the Chinese may have betrayed him into seeming to be an apologist for them. His constant endeavor, however, has been to avoid the role of the advocate and to be simply an impartial observer and recorder.

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